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1. The reason that M. Moutet (Minister for Overseas France) did not engage in conversations with HO Chi Minh was that M. Moutet, after spending three days in Saigon, was convinced that any plan he might have engendered would have been sabotaged by d'Argenlieu and his followers and would only have resulted in damaging Moutet and the political reputation of the French Government at Paris.
2. The French will negotiate with HO Chi Minh if he purges his government of extremist elements led by VO Nguyen Giap, Minister of National Defense.

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